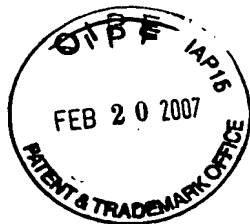


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action of December 20, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claim 1.

Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement as the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

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Reply to Restriction Requirement of December 20, 2006

In the present application no undue burden has been established if each of the species and claims were examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

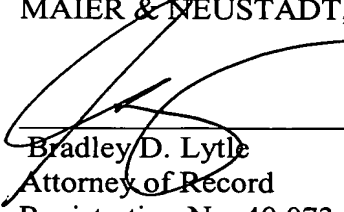
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